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SUBJECT: CONTINUED REACTION TO GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED  
EXTRADITION LAW

REF: SAN JOSE 1058

1. PRESS AND POLITICAL REACTION TO PRO-VESCO EXTRADITION BILL REACHED A PEAK ON MARCH 20, THE DAY WHEN THE THIRD AND PRESUMABLY FINAL DEBATE OF THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. PRESIDENT-ELECT DANIEL ODUBER IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING THE TARGET OF CRITICISM FOR NOT TAKING A PUBLIC POSITION ON THE BILL. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, FROM A STANDPOINT OF PUBLIC OPINION, HAS BEEN THE POSITION OF THE COSTA RICA BAR ASSOCIATION WHICH, IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED MARCH 20, DESCRIBES THE EXTRADITION BILL ALONG WITH SOME OTHER LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS OF THE FIGUERES GOVERNMENT AS TENDING TO UNDERMINE THE COSTA RICAN CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM.

DR. GUILLERMO PADILLA CASTRO, A PROMINENT LEGAL EXPERT WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DRAFTING OF THE LAW THAT THE EXTRADITION BILL IS INTENDED TO REVISE, SAID IN AN ARTICLE ALSO PUBLISHED ON MARCH 20 THAT THE WHOLE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS UNFORTUNATE, GIVEN THE THOROUGH LEGAL WORK DONE ON THE EXISTING LAW. PADILLA POINTED OUT SPECIFICALLY THE CLAUSE IN THE BILL  
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ELIMINATING EXTRADITION OF THOSE PERSONS "HAVING RIGHTS

OF NATIONALS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OR SPECIAL LAWS"  
AS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO APPLY TO RETIREES,  
WHO ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF A COSTA RICAN PROVISIONAL  
PASSPORT UNDER THE PENSIONADO LAW. HE ALSO POINTED OUT  
THAT THE SECTION DEALING WITH POLITICAL ACTS WOULD  
EFFECTIVELY REMOVE FROM EXTRADITION LIABILITY  
TERRORISTS AND PERPETRATORS OF OTHER COMMON CRIMES WHO  
MAY COMMIT THEM IN THE NAME OF A POLITICAL IDEAL.

2. TWO POLITICAL PARTIES, THE PRD AND THE PNI, HAVE  
CRITICIZED THE BILL AND HAVE WARNED THAT THE YOUTH WINGS  
OF THEIR PROSPECTIVE PARTIES INTEND TO DEMONSTRATE THIS  
AFTERNOON (MARCH 20) IN FRONT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

3. NEWSPAPER COMMENT CRITICAL OF THE EXTRADITION BILL HAS  
STIMULATED NEW SPURT OF GENERAL VESCO INTEREST. WIRE SERVICE  
STORIES ARE NOW BEING REPEATED DAILY PROVIDING DETAILS OF THE  
MITCHELL/STAND TRIALS AND VESCO'S INVOLVEMENT.  
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